

Press Release

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On: TEXAS MILK PRODUCTION

UP 8 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN Texas milk production totaled 450 million pounds during September, up 8 percent from last year's production of 418 million pounds. August 2004 production totaled 469 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during September averaged 320,000 head, unchanged from last year and August 2004. Production per cow averaged 1,405 pounds during September, up 8 percent from last year but down 4 percent from August 2004.

Milk production in the 20 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 11.9 billion pounds, up 1 percent from production in these same states in September 2003. August revised production, at 12.4 billion pounds, was up 1 percent from August 2003.

Production per cow during September averaged 1,529 pounds, 18 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 20 states was 7.77 million head, 6,000 head less than last year but 4,000 head more than August 2004.